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Question 73: Many of the links on the Reference Page for this solicitation do not work. Can the links be fixed so they are usable?

Answer: There were technical issues with the links on the Reference Page. The page has been refreshed and all links are now valid and usable.

Question 74: Having provided a signed letter of commitment per RFP Section L.30(b)(5), would a major or critical subcontractor be required to participate in all future task order proposals, even if terms and conditions objectionable to the subcontractor were imposed in those task order solicitations? For instance, RFP Section I includes Liquidated Damages clauses I.15 and I.131, (FAR Clauses 52.211-12 and 52.211-11, respectively), which are "TBD" (to be completed in each individual Task Order, if applicable). If one or both of these clauses were imposed in a Task Order solicitation, could an ID/IQ prime contractor either: a) bid exclusive of the products or services of the objecting subcontractor, or b) withhold from bidding entirely based on a decision of the Prime contractor after consulting with its major or critical subcontractors?

Answer: Prime contractors may choose to make a decision not to propose on a individual Task Order for which they receive a Request for Task Proposal (H.14 Ordering Procedures). However, it should be noted that contractors shall provide services under a task order issued for the minimum quantity. See also Clause I.18. If terms and conditions objectionable to a major or critical subcontractor were included in a request for task proposal for which the prime contractor determined that it needed the major or critical subcontractors' services, , an offeror may choose to request consent from the Contracting Officer in accordance with Clause H.15 Major or Critical Subcontracts – Designation and Consent, to propose a subcontractor other than those identified in Clause H.15 to perform work under an individual Task Order in the areas of Environmental Remediation, Demolition, Regulatory Services, and Radiological Controls and Safety. Or the Prime contractors may also choose to make the decision not to propose on a Task Order for which they receive a Request for Task Proposal (H.14 Ordering Procedures).

Question 75: The cost elements on Attachment L-5, Schedule 1 do not match the cost elements on Schedule 5. Are we allowed to modify the L-5 spreadsheets to include appropriate rows for all cost elements?

Answer: Cost Elements on Schedule 5 will be modified to match the cost elements on Schedule 1 in a revised Attachment L-5. The solicitation with be amended.

Question 76: In light of recent RFPs from EMCBC, would DOE consider changing the experience and past performance project requirements from 3 years to 5 years?

Answer: Please see answers to Questions 16.